(d) An outlay of Rs. 3090.12 crore comprising Rs. 2600.12 crore for Major & Medium irrigation and Rs. 490.00 crore for Minor Irrigation has been allocated for Uttar Pradesh in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Subarnarekha Dam Project

1355. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years which have elapsed since the Subarnarekha River Dam Project was cleared by Government and the reasons for inordinate delay in implementing it;

(b) whether there is any possibility of its construction in the near future; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) There is no project named "Subarnarekha River Dam Project." However, Subarnarekha Multi-purpose Project of Bihar, Subarnarekha Barrage Project of West Bengal and Subarnarekha Irrigation Project of Orissa have been considered by the Union Government for their clearance. The Subarnarekha Multi-purpose Project of Bihar was accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on irrigation, flood control and multi-purpose projects in 1982 for an estimated cost of Rs. 480.90 crore. The project co^t was up-dated to Rs. 1428.82 crore (1990 price level) and the same was accepted by the TAC in 1992 subject to environment and forests clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests, clearance of R&R plans from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and concurrence of State Finance Department. Environment clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests, clearance of R&R plan from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and concurrence of State Finance Department have been obtained. The forest clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests has not yet been obtained by the Government of Bihar. The Subarnarekha Barrage Project of West Bengal and Subarnarekha Irrigation Project of Orissa were cleared in 1995. Though the work in Bihar and Orissa portion is yet to be started by the respective State Governments, the work in the West Bengal portion is yet to be started by the West Bengal State Government. Water being a State subject, execution and completion of the irrigation projects depend upon the priority attached to it by the respective State Governments.